

**DIRECT ACCESS STORAGE SYSTEM WITH COMBINED BLOCK  
INTERFACE AND FILE INTERFACE ACCESS**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5 A storage system includes a storage controller and storage media for reading data from or writing data to the storage media in response to block-level and file-level I/O requests. The storage controller includes suitable interfaces for receiving the read/write requests and effecting the reading of data to or the writing of data to the storage media.

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